

Frequently Asked Questions – For Contractors

Q. How do I become a certified methamphetamine cleanup contractor?

A. Register with the cabinet. Submit the following form, [Application for Methamphetamine Cleanup Certification \(DEP6079\)](#).

The applicant must provide a certificate of liability insurance issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in Kentucky certifying that the applicant has a public liability insurance policy in an amount of \$250,000.00 for personal or property damage that might occur to third parties arising from the performance of decontamination services for inhabitable properties by the contractor as his or her employee or agents. In the event the insurance policy lapses the applicant must provide a suitable replacement policy prior to the expiration of the existing policy. The cabinet requests that it be named as the certificate holder.

Post a surety bond or obtain other financial assurance in the amount of \$50,000*. Submit either of the following forms: [Surety Bond \(DEP6079B\)](#) or [Irrevocable Letter of Credit \(DEP6079C\)](#) or [Escrow Agreement \(DEP6083\)](#). These forms must be completed by the financial institution providing this form of financial assurance.

*** KRS 224.01-410 (3) (a) 2. Requires the applicant to post a surety bond or obtain other financial assurance in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). However, due to difficulties in contractors being able to secure this bond value, EPPC will allow the applicant to post a bond in the amount of \$50,000, with the EPPC providing the remainder of the statutorily-required surety bond. It is anticipated that a change will be made to the bond amount in the 2008 legislative session.**

A [Performance Agreement \(DEP6079D\)](#) must be signed and submitted by the registrant, which binds either the Surety Bond or Irrevocable Letter of Credit or Escrow Agreement with the cabinet.

Provide a Statement of Qualifications (**SOQ**) - current training certificates that are applicable to this type of decontamination activity. At a minimum you or your company should have individuals that are and have: (a) Occupational Safety and Health Administration ([OSHA](#)) 40-hour HAZWOPER Training: - This course meets the training requirements of the HAZWOPER regulation, KyOSH considers employers whose employees perform decontamination / clean-up work of former illegal methamphetamine laboratories to fall under the scope of the HAZWOPER standard. This determination is supported by the provisions of 1926.65(a)(1) and (a)(1)(iii),

Certify that decontamination will be performed safely and in accordance with [803 KAR 2:403](#) and each cleanup conducted meets the [decontamination standard](#).

Q. What information should go into my Statement of Qualification (SOQ)?

A. Your **SOQ** should include the qualifications and training of the personnel who will be providing contamination services on meth lab sites. Remember that a CML cleanup is often too big and too dangerous a job for one person to do alone. Explain your business plan from the standpoint of who will supervise cleanups, who will do testing, who will keep track of each person's training/credentials. Document your company's experience with environmental cleanups (hazardous wastes, biohazards, asbestos, mold, etc.).

Q. Why must I submit financial assurance to become registered as a certified clean up contractor?

A. Financial assurance is required by KRS 224.01-410. The cabinet may revoke the certification of any contractor for cause and may collect the forfeited financial assurance of any contractor found to be in violation of this statute. Forfeited financial assurance may be used by the cabinet to decontaminate inhabitable properties.

Q. What training is required to become certified?

A. [\(OSHA\) 40-hour HAZWOPER Training](#): - This course meets the training requirements of the HAZWOPER regulation, KyOSH considers employers whose employees perform decontamination / clean-up work of former illegal methamphetamine laboratories to fall under the scope of the HAZWOPER standard. This determination is supported by the provisions of 1926.65(a) (1) and (a) (1) (iii). EPPC recommends training on the cleanup of methamphetamine-affected properties be obtained but this is not required at this time.

Methamphetamine Cleanup training is not required at this time for certification but strongly encouraged that certified contractors seek out this type of training

Q. What is HAZWOPER?

A. This is the OSHA Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response course (1910.120(a)(1)(i-v) and 1926.65(a)(1)(i-v)). It is a 40-hour course teaching the concepts of personal protective equipment, chemical hygiene, respirator usage, chemical toxicity, and many other concepts important to people who work with hazardous wastes. This course is an OSHA requirement for people working on methamphetamine laboratories or in any hazardous waste environment

Q. Who do I contact for HAZWOPER training?

A. [The Hazardous Materials Incident Response Operations Cincinnati State Technical and Community College](#)

[Hazardous Materials Training Center at the University of Louisville](#)

502-852-5658

[MSU OSHTC](#)

Department of Occupational Safety and Health

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[OAI Inc.](#) Contact: Jeff Garriss, email at jgarriss@oaiinc.org

Mirotech - Health and Safety Consulting "Specialist in OSHA, EPA and DOT training programs
Bob Prewitt email at mirotech@dcrr.net

KY Pollution Prevention Center's List of Environmental Consultants who specialize in different fields which is included below.

<http://www.kppc.org/Publications/Print%20Materials/Consultants/>

Q. Who do I contact for specialized Meth Cleanup training?

A. MethResources.gov
[Training and Technical Assistance](#)

[The University of Tennessee Center For Industrial Services](#) holds classes on the cleanup of methamphetamine-affected properties. The telephone number is 1-800-424-3905. Other training may be considered equivalent. This would be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Forensic Applications Consulting Technologies, Inc.
www.forensic-applications.com/meth/meth.html